

## **The Diary of a Lost Soul**

**1<sup>st</sup> Day**-I don't know exactly where I am at, but I've got blisters all over me from the heat. It is so dark and smoky that I can't see two feet in front of me. I feel like there is something crawling all over me. My legs and arms are itching and burning at the same time. I don't know why I'm writing this, because I doubt that anyone will ever read it or listen to what it says. I wish I knew what was going on.

**2<sup>nd</sup> Day**-I think that a day has passed since I first realized that I was conscious. It's always so dark that I can't really tell one day from the next. I didn't get any sleep last night because of the stinking smell of sulphur and the constant screaming that is going on here. It sounded like one lady was moaning for her husband and I think someone else kept yelling for their mom. This has got to be a nightmare; but it seems like it is lasting so long. I wish I could wake up in my nice soft bed under cool sheets with the morning sun shining through the window.

**3<sup>rd</sup> Day**- My head hurts from all the screaming in my ears. I can't see anybody but it sounds like people are packed together shoulder to shoulder everywhere. Someone keeps scratching at me and it feels like they are tearing the skin right off of my back! I heard an old man screaming and cursing God. At first I thought that it was my grandfather, but he would never do that. Grandpa was so friendly. He used to always take me fishing on the weekends. I wish I could see grandpa's smiling face now.

**4<sup>th</sup> Day**-Oh, am I ever getting thirsty! My throat feels so raw that I couldn't swallow if I had to. I thought I almost fell asleep one time, but someone started biting and chewing on my arm. My head keeps itching like there are worms crawling all over in my hair. I wish I could take a good cold shower.

**5<sup>th</sup> Day**-I don't think that I can go on much longer. I'm getting so thirsty and tired that I'll probably die any time now. I remember watching an ice tea commercial on T.V. I'd give anything for a glass of ice tea right now. Every once in a while, I hear some crazy guy moaning: "Why did I wait, I didn't want to come to Hell. I wanted to go to Heaven where my wife and children are going." Over and over again, he

keeps moaning those same words right in my ear. I wish he would just shut up.

**6<sup>th</sup> Day**-I can hardly believe that I am conscious. I thought that I would be dead by now. The pain keeps getting worse all the time. I don't know why I haven't passed out or something. There goes that guy moaning about being in Hell again. Whenever I went to Sunday school they used to talk a lot about Hell. But I always thought that was only a place where wicked people like robbers and killers went to. Not someone like me. I wish I knew how I got here and how I could get out.

**7<sup>th</sup> Day**-I can't stand it! My head is aching and I'm burning up all over. Why can't I just die and be at peace? I wish I could kill myself.

**8<sup>th</sup> Day**-The people that are all around me seem to hate me. They howl and curse at me all the time. Some of the sounds aren't even human. All I can do is cry, but no one could hear me for all of this screaming. I remember a preacher at a revival that cried for me once. He kept saying: "*Ye must be born again.*" He kept repeating a Bible verse to me. I think that it was John 3:16 or something like that. He said that God didn't want me to go to Hell. I wish I could talk face to face with God right now.

**9<sup>th</sup> Day**-I don't know if this is the ninth day or ninth year or nine hundredth year. I've lost all track of time. I'm starting to remember a little bit more about myself though. It seems like just before I got here, I and my family were going home from church. Then I remember seeing a big truck swerve out of control right in front of us. The next thing I remember is waking up here. Could this really be the place that they talked about in the Bible? Oh, I can't be in Hell! I must be losing my mind. I wish would never have been born.

**10<sup>th</sup> Day**-I can't get that crying preacher out of my mind. He always kept saying, "*Ye must be born again,*" and "*Except ye repent, ye shall all likewise perish.*" But he never seemed to be perfect. If I'm in Hell, then he deserves to be here too! He ought to be burning up, and have worms crawling all over him, and have this screaming going on in his ears all the time. It's not fair. I wish I had another chance.

**11<sup>th</sup> Day**-I remember when my sister used to read her Bible and go to church all the time. She was a religious fanatic. She never listened to rock music or

went to dances. Why, she wouldn't even laugh at a dirty joke. She always kept telling me that I'd better accept Jesus Christ as my personal Savior if I didn't want to go to Hell when I die. I had planned to get saved when I got a little older. I always figured that God would give me another chance. Maybe if I pray right now, He'll give me another chance. I could go back and talk to my folks and everybody I meet, and tell them that there is a real burning Hell "*where the fire is not quenched and the worm dieth not.*" I wish that these people would quit screaming so that maybe God could hear my prayer.

**12<sup>th</sup> Day**-I feel like I can't get my breath for all of this dark smoke. I wish I could pray.

**13<sup>th</sup> Day**-If these awful people would quit screaming for just one second. I hate them. I shouldn't be here with them. I'll curse every one of them. God should have never sent me here. I wasn't that bad. What kind of life did He expect me to live anyway? I hate God. I hate Jesus Christ. I just wish I could get some rest.

**14<sup>th</sup> Day**-All of a sudden, I find myself out of that dark, smoky Hell. I didn't think that I would be in there forever. Right now I'm waiting in a line before a Great White Throne to be judged by God. Somebody said that He'll judge us from some books. I knew that I wasn't that bad a sinner. I wish they would hurry up.

**15<sup>th</sup> Day**-Now I'm in a different line. There is no hope for me. I finally got to stand before the Great White Throne of God and He judged my life on earth by my works. He said that my name wasn't in the Lamb's Book of Life. He asked me what I did about the sins in my life. He asked me why I rejected His Son as my Savior. I didn't have any excuses. I tried to tell Him that I would get saved right then. But He said that it was too late. The next thing I knew, I was bowing my knee and confessing with my own tongue that Jesus Christ is Lord. Then God turned to me and said: "*Depart from me, ye cursed, into everlasting fire, prepared for the devil and his angels.*" Now, I don't have anything to look forward to but that burning Lake of Fire for ever and ever and ever. I wish that I would have gotten saved before it was too late.

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*This is an account based upon Biblical truth of what it would be like to go to the place called Hell.*

## The Bible warns of Hell

"fire"	Matthew 7:19, 13:40, 25:41
"everlasting fire"	Matthew 18:8, 25:41
"eternal damnation"	Mark 3:29
"hell fire"	Matthew 5:22, 18:9, Mark 9:47
"damnation"	Matthew 23:14, Mark 12:40, Luke 20:47
"damnation of hell"	Matthew 23:33
"resurrection of damnation"	John 5:29
"furnace of fire"	Matthew 13:42, 50
"the fire that never shall be quenched"	Mark 9:43, 45
"the fire is not quenched"	Mark 9:44, 46, 48
"Where their worm dieth not"	Mark 9:44, 46, 48
"wailing and gnashing of teeth"	Matthew 13:42, 50
"weeping and gnashing of teeth"	Matthew 8:12, 22:13, 25:30
"torments"	Luke 16:23
"tormented in this flame"	Luke 16:24
"place of torment"	Luke 16:28
"outer darkness"	Matthew 8:12, 22:13

**Torment** is defined in the dictionary as excruciating pain. The writer of this tract has gone as far as possible to depict a soul in Hell. It is probably much worse than he has described. No words could adequately express its horror.

God wants to save your never-dying soul from this terrible place if YOU will heed His warning in the Bible and...

**Realize...God says you are a sinner.** "For all have sinned, and come short of the glory of God," Romans 3:23  
**Recognize God's penalty for your sin.** "For the wages of sin is death," Romans 6:23a [Meaning Hell for ever.]

**Repent! God says turn from your sin.** That is, to turn to the Lord Jesus Christ from your sin and have a genuine sorrow for the sin that you have committed. "God...now commandeth all men everywhere to repent:" Acts 17:30b  
**Reflect...Christ paid for your sin.** "while we were yet sinners, Christ died for us." Romans 5:8c,d – Believe (faith) this truth! HE DID THIS TO SAVE YOU FROM HELL. Jesus' blood was shed as the payment for your sin..."and the blood of Jesus Christ his Son cleanseth us from all sin." I John 1:7d – Believe (faith) this truth!  
 Because this complete and final payment for (YOUR) sin was accepted by the Father, Jesus Christ rose from the dead on the third day..."But now is Christ risen from the dead,..." I Corinthians 15:20a – Believe (faith) this truth!  
**Receive God's gracious gift** and Repent, sinner; coming by this faith to the Lord Jesus Christ, God's only begotten Son, and ask Him into your heart to forgive your sin, and be the Lord of your life. "For whosoever shall call upon the name of the Lord shall (not may) be saved." Romans 10:13

Several years ago a book was published, entitled *Beyond Death's Door* by Dr. Maurice Rawlings. Dr. Rawlings, a specialist in Internal Medicine and Cardiovascular Disease, resuscitated many people who had been clinically dead. Dr. Rawlings, a devout atheist, "considered all religion "hocus-pocus" and death nothing more than a painless extinction". But something happened in 1977 that brought a dramatic change in the life of Dr. Rawlings! He was resuscitating a man, terrified and screaming — **descending down into the flames of Hell:**

"Each time he regained heartbeat and respiration, the patient screamed, **"I am in Hell!"** He was terrified and pleaded with me to help him. I was scared to death. . . Then I noticed a genuinely alarmed look on his face. He had a terrified look worse than the expression seen in death! This patient had a grotesque grimace expressing sheer horror! His pupils were dilated, and he was perspiring and trembling — he looked as if his hair was "on end." Then still another strange thing happened. He said, "**Don't you understand? I am in Hell. . . Don't let me go back to Hell!"** . . . the man was serious, and it finally occurred to me that he was indeed in trouble. He was in a panic like I had never seen before."

[Maurice Rawlings, *Beyond Death's Door*, (Thomas Nelson Inc., 1979) p. 3].



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## The Diary of a Lost Soul

### A Solemn Warning on the Danger of Going to Hell

[Dr. Rawlings said, no one, who could have heard his screams and saw the look of terror on his face could doubt for a single minute that he was actually in a place called Hell]

Salvation is God's free gift, not based upon church membership, good works or baptism. "For by grace are ye saved through faith; and that not of yourselves: it is the gift of God: Not of works, lest any man should boast." Ephesians 2:8,9

...**behold, now is the day of salvation.**

II Corinthians 6:2f,g